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Dear Sir:-

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56 and §1.97-1.98, enclosed please find a completed Form PTO-1449, citing references for consideration by the Examiner during examination of the above-referenced patent application. U.S. Patent 6,126,919 is enclosed for your convenience, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of all other references are not enclosed as they can be found in the file of parent case U.S. Serial No. 09/634,406, filed August 9, 2000.

Applicants request consideration of these references by the Examiner in regard to the present application, and that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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